THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The following decisions were taken at the Regional Consultative Committee meeting for nationalised banks of Eastern Region held at Calcutta on 4th November, 1985:—

(1) The banks should take all necessary steps to step up advances in the Eastern Region.

(2) The Union Minister of State for Finance will monitor the progress of Branch Expansion in the Eastern Region.

(3) The banks should formulate an active programme to step up Credit: Deposit Ratio.

(4) The State Governments should extend their full cooperation in the matter pertaining to law and order for proper development of banking and to provide necessary security in the banks.

(b) to (d) The decisions taken at the meeting are under active follow-up of the concerned agencies but it is too early to expect any discernable results.

Meeting of the Consultative Committee of nationalised banks for Eastern Region

106. SHRI NEPAL DEV BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the last meeting of the Consultative Committee of the nationalised banks for the Eastern Region took place;

(b) what were the details of credit development and deposit mobilisation, both in money and percentage terms of the scheduled banks of the Region at that time;

(c) what was the performance of the rural banks and special schemes relating to the Integrated Rural Development Programme for educated unemployed of the Region at that time both in money and percentage terms; and

(d) by when the next meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee of the Eastern Region is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The last meeting of the Consultative Committee of nationalised banks was held at Calcutta on 4th November, 1985.

(b) Available data relates to end December, 1984 and is as under for the Eastern Region:—

	(Rs. in crores)
(1) Deposits . . .	11,175
(2) Advances . .	6,419
(3) C : D Ra . .	54·5 percent

(c) Under the Scheme of self-employment of the educated unemployed youth for the region, the banks had sanctioned 45,520 applications against the target of 45,750. The amount sanctioned for the year 1984-85 was Rs. 88.97 crores.

Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the various financing institutions operating in the Region had assisted 10,90,895 families with a term credit of Rs. 174.90 crores during the year 1984-85.

(d) No date has yet been fixed for the next meeting for the Regional Consultative Committee for Eastern Region nor has any agenda been finalised for the same.

Loan Melas in West Bengal

107. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Chief Minister of West Bengal regarding loan melas scheduled to be held or organised earlier in that State; and

(b) if so the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of tea

108. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of different grades of tea in the country during the year 1985 and the production target for that year;

(b) what was the quantum of tea exported during 1985 and to which countries; and

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) As against a target of 655 Million Kgs. estimates of production of tea during 1985, according to different methods of manufacture are as under:—

	Qty. (M. Kgs.)
C.T.C.	473·51
Orthodox	171·36
Green Tea	12·42
TOTAL	657·29

(b) and (c) Indian tea is exported to a large number of countries all over the world. Major importers of tea from India are USSR, U.K. ARE, West Germany, Iraq and Iran.

Quality and value of tea exported during 1985 is as under:—

Quantity (M. Kgs.)	Value (Crores)
222·4	711·00 (Provisionl)

Import of cement

109. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import 100,000 tonnes cement from Indonesia; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL AND SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A contract has been signed by the S.T.C. import of cement from Indonesia. The purchase is being done at internationally competitive prices.

News Item captioned FCI found cheating on wheat supply

110. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'FCI found cheating on wheat supply' which appeared in the *Indian Express*, New Delhi on the 8th February, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case and the outcome of the investigation, if any, made into the matter; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to to prevent any bad name being earned by the FCI for such under-weighment?